

# MILLIONS OF TONS OF FUEL LIE WASTE IN COAL FIELDS, PROOF IS GIVEN SENATORS

Coal Companies Demand Exorbitant Royalties on Cullm Bank Leases.

FUEL KEPT FROM PUBLIC

Burns Bros. Called To-day to Testify to Onerous Local Conditions.

By Sophie Irene Loeb  
(Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The Senate committee investigating coal will resume its hearings this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The last witness before the committee on Wednesday, William Griffith, testified that it was practically impossible to secure any cullm coal from the large companies. Mr. Griffith was at the head of a commission appointed by the Pennsylvania legislature to determine the methods of preventing waste, such as the cullm waste, which lies on the surface and can readily be sent to market if the Coal Trust would permit it.

He said it was almost impossible to secure refuse banks from these companies, as the latter went on the theory that if any other people could sell them, the company could, and they therefore refused to dispose of them.

Another witness, Gary N. Gray of Potomac, testified that he had to pay as high as \$2.25 royalty for cullm last winter in order to fill an order. When a bank of refuse was secured, however, which only contained about 50 or 60 per cent. coal, 40 cents per ton was paid for it.

For the production of considerable of this cullm coal, the miners in years

gone by were docked, and they were only paid for mining the larger sizes.

CONDITIONS IN NEW YORK MAY BE EXPLAINED TO-DAY.

Burns Brothers, the largest distributors of coal in New York, will appear before the committee to-day.

M. J. Richards, President of the largest coal company, the Philadelphia and Reading, has also been subpoenaed. He is one of the three men who comprise the Anthracite Committee, in charge of distribution for the Fuel Administration. The other two are Messrs. Warner, President of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, the next largest concern, and Mr. Dickson.

The important items that the testimony has shown thus far, and which bear out the disclosures made by The Evening World in its investigation of the anthracite coal, are:

That millions of tons of cullm coal lie on the surface of the coal fields that could have been sent to the market at a low cost to the consumer and thus have eliminated shortages. No price was fixed by the Fuel Administration for this cullm.

James B. Neale, Director of Anthracite Production for the Fuel Administration, and President of several coal companies, admitted that if this cullm had been sent to the market it would have broken the market prices and reduced the prices of the freshly mined coal.

That it has been practically impossible for any one to secure leases for these cullm banks, and the companies have held on to them for future use, since they cost practically nothing and are being sent to the market at regular prices.

That one man can load approximately an average of thirty-five tons per day, whereas in the past a cullm bank can only load an average of four to twelve tons.

INFLUENCE OF ANTHRACITE TRUST IS FAR-REACHING.

That the anthracite region represents a little kingdom in which the coal companies control everything from the smallest inspector to the highest courts.

That they pay such a small royalty on these valuable properties as to enable them to hold them indefinitely and keep out competitors.

That the prices of coal are set by one of the largest coal companies, the Philadelphia and Reading, and are generally followed by the other dealers.

That all the independent dealers are dependent upon these coal companies, which own the coal, for carrying their output.

That it is practically impossible for independent operators to create a price lower than the large companies.

That not a single new operation has been opened by the large companies in sixteen years. They are content to leave millions of tons of coal lie in the ground, so that the result is less production and higher prices.

That immense royalties are paid by independent operators to the larger coal companies, which also tend to keep prices high.

That the effort to change prices from those designated by the coal companies.

William Griffith of West Pittston, Pa., a geologist, testified as to the accumulation of the cullm banks. The first banks started a hundred years ago, when it was not known that the cullm was burnable.

Of late years various methods of burning the cullm have been discovered. At the present time the methods developed have shown that the very smallest sizes of cullm can be utilized for fuel, even where it is as fine as flour, the witness said.

He said he did not know as to the amount of cullm now available, but it is many millions tons. He was a member of the Coal Waste Committee of the State of Pennsylvania, which was created to find out how waste coal could be utilized as fuel. Since that time the cullm has been going to the market in increasing quantities.

Senator Reed wanted to know the attitude of the coal companies in re-

## Miss Anne Morgan Greeted at Pier By Kin on Her Return From France



MISS ANNE MORGAN AND MR. SATERLEE

Miss Anne Morgan, who has been engaged in relief work in France since the war began, has returned to New York to complete her education here. She arrived this week on the French liner Espagne and was met at the pier by Herbert Satterlee, her brother-in-law. The photograph was taken as he was greeting her at the pier.

guard to leasing out the cullm banks to be worked.

Witness said the companies would not grant leases to open the cullm supply. He detailed his efforts to obtain leases from various companies to work the cullm. He made proposals to the Susquehanna, Colliery Company, the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, the Delaware and Hudson Company and other large holders of cullm. He said they had merely decided to hold the cullm, and he assumed it was worth as much to them as to private individuals.

He testified the miners were docked for material which went to the cullm pile.

The witness was questioned as to the amount of royalty charged on the waste or refuse banks. He thought the gross royalty was 40 cents. It was also his opinion that a conservation measure might have been adopted in past years which would have salvaged much of the waste, since a system has not been devised as yet by the Fuel Administration.

SEND OFF DINNER BODY TO  
HELP WELCOME THE 27TH

Committee Organized by The Evening World Offers Services for Homecoming of New York Men.

The City's Send-Off Dinner Committee, has written a letter to Mayor Hylan, pleading for aid and assistance at the disposal of the city for the reception to the 27th Division, which is expected to leave France soon.

The Send-Off Dinner Committee was organized under the auspices of The Evening World. It was later made official by Mayor Mitchell. It gave a two-day celebration for the city in honor of the departure of the 27th Division to Sparta.

"Our committee, composed of the merchants in the market districts of the city and of the hotel and restaurant men, gave a farewell dinner to the 27th Division, without cost either to the city or any individual, not a member of the committee," said August Sila, Chairman of the committee.

"On that occasion we pledged ourselves to Gen. Egan and his troops to give them a welcome home that could outdo even the efforts of that day. Now that the 27th Division is returning to us wearing the badges of distinguished service, we feel that it is time for us to make good that pledge, and we offer our services."

'LITTLE MOTHER' CRUSHED TO DEATH BETWEEN TRUCKS

Accident Near South Ferry Brings Tears to Eyes of Big Policeman.

Pauline Fredericks, thirteen-year-old "little mother" of No. 15 Washington Street, snuffed at a big policeman near South Ferry this morning, clutching against her bosom a few sticks of wood she had picked up and dived around the rear end of a heavy truck that was snorting and slipping on the wet pavement.

The truck skidded, struck another and between the two was what had once been Pauline Fredericks, "little mother."

"An accident," the big policeman said, and there were tears in his eyes. P. J. McMahon, the driver of No. 1522, Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, is being held on a technical charge of homicide.

There is no word, no Pauline at No. 15 Washington Street, this afternoon. Only weeping Mrs. Fredericks, and a waiting Joseph, 4 years old, and John, 12 years old.

## BRIG. GEN. JOHNSON, WHO LED THE 77TH, WOUNDED IN ACTION

Officer Took Camp Upton Division to France—Commanded 12th on Border.

Brig. Gen. Evan M. Johnson, who is reported in the casualty list as severely wounded, is the commanding officer of the 15th Brigade of Infantry of the 77th Division. He was acting commander of the division when it left Camp Upton for France and was in the thick of the hard fighting in the Argonne Forest, where the division won its laurels. Gen. Johnson is a son of the late Evan M. Johnson, who was Comptroller of the old City of Brooklyn, and a grandson of the late Rev. Dr. Johnson, founder of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church in that borough. He enlisted in the army as a private in June, 1892. He is a former member of the General Staff in Washington and is an honor graduate of the Army School of the Line. He is fifty-six years of age and is a veteran of the Spanish War and Philippine campaign and commanded the 12th New York Infantry on the Mexican border.

Lieut. William Bargefrede, 24 years old, whose home was at No. 458 Brook Avenue, the Bronx, met death as a hero, leading his men in the Argonne Forest Sept. 23. His mother, Mrs. August Bargefrede, to-day received a letter from Sgt. John Herold, an old school chum of the officer and a member of his company. He told how they flanked a German machine gun and killed the four Germans operating it, but not before the Lieutenant received his fatal wound. Bargefrede won his commission at Camp Upton.

Lieut. Alfred Noon, Company B, 306th Infantry, was killed in action Oct. 7. He was born in Hempstead, twenty-seven years old, and married. He enlisted in September, 1917, attended an officers' training camp at Upton and received his commission after being in a number of engagements.

Lieut. Ransom S. Pattison was reported missing in action Sept. 26, according to word received by his brother, John A. Pattison of No. 222 North 18th Street, East Orange. He is thirty-one years old and the son of the late George C. Pattison of Brooklyn. He went to France as a Sergeant in Company G, 151st Infantry, and received his commission overseas.

Sgt. William E. Ryan of No. 243 West 116th Street, reported in to-day's casualty list as killed in action Nov. 5, recently was awarded a division citation for bravery. He held off a scouting party of Germans who had shot his Lieutenant, W. J. Beevy, a brother of Father Beevy of All Saints' Church, and with the aid of another soldier carried the wounded officer back to their lines. He was twenty-eight and a member of Company A, 18th Infantry.

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## LIEUT. COL. A. H. WOODS TO COMMAND ARMY POLICE IN OCCUPIED GERMANY



LIEUT. COL. ARTHUR H. WOODS, FORMER POLICE COMMISSIONER OF NEW YORK, WILL LEAVE SHORTLY FOR EUROPE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE MILITARY POLICE IN THE DISTRICTS OF GERMANY OCCUPIED BY AMERICAN TROOPS, ACCORDING TO WORD FROM WASHINGTON. THIS PHOTOGRAPH OF COL. WOODS WAS TAKEN A SHORT TIME AGO IN WASHINGTON, WHERE HE HAS BEEN ON DUTY.

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NURSE TORE FLAG OFF BED OF BOY IN CITY HOSPITAL

Nine-Year-Old Patriot Got It Back From Ash Can, and Offender no Longer Works There.

When a male nurse at the City Hospital on Blackwell's Island passed the bed of a nine-year-old boy who had a flag pinned to his pillow and tore it off with the exclamation, "This isn't the Fourth of July," he made a mistake. The boy was Fred Durath, and, like a good American, he recovered the flag from a refuse can and pinned it on his pillow again.

Patients in the ward wrote a scathing letter to The Evening World, relating the circumstances and demanding justice. They gave the name of the nurse. Superintendent Bacon made an immediate investigation when the letter was read to him. He said later that a nurse was employed for one day at the hospital and then discharged, but not because of unattractive comment.

The patriots who signed the letter of protest are Nathan Schreyer, Patrick Shugrue, Frank Smith, John Pendergast, Michael Smith, Adolph Siegel and Arthur Murphy.

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## HOLLWEG INVITES INQUIRY INTO PART HE PLAYED IN WAR

Ex-Chancellor Says He Regarded Austria's Ultimatum to Serbia Too Sharp.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, German Imperial Chancellor at the outbreak of the war, is eager for an investigation into his share in the origin of the conflict, according to a statement he has made to the North German Gazette of Berlin, as quoted by the Central News correspondent at Copenhagen.

The former Chancellor in his statement refers to the Bavarian revelations regarding the war's origin, and protests against the publication of fragmentary extracts from documents and the deductions made from them.

He admits that Germany was not surprised at Austria's action regarding Serbia, but declares he was not aware of the text of the ultimatum before it was despatched, and when he saw it he regarded it as too sharp, both in its tone and as to the demands made.

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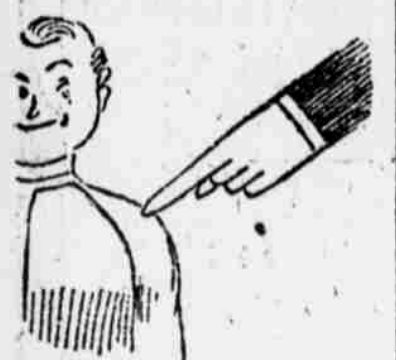
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